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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Bengt E.B. Sandberg, et al.
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For : **BIOTIN DERIVATIVES**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a four-month extension of the response period, up to and including February 24, 2002, to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non Provisional Application mailed August 24, 2002. Since February 24, 2002 fell on a Sunday, this response is timely filed.

A check including the \$1,440 (37 CFR §1.17(a)(1)) for the extension of time fee is attached.

If any additional fees are required, please notify the undersigned attorney by telephone and charge the additional fees to Deposit Account 02-4300.

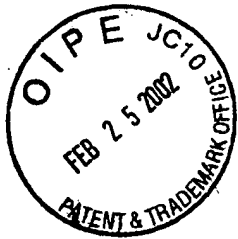
Respectfully submitted,

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